



HOMESTEAD PROJECT

St. Joe Ranger District
Idaho Panhandle National Forests

Overview

The USDA Forest Service has initiated the Homestead Project on the St. Joe Ranger District of the Idaho Panhandle National Forests. Located south of the St. Joe River, in the Marble Creek drainage around Marble Mountain, the project area is within Shoshone County and includes Little Daveggio Creek, Shearer Creek, Davies Creek, and Homestead Creek (see map on back).

Currently, initial survey data is being analyzed from the project area. Approximately 1,200 acres have been identified for silviculture treatments to reduce insect and disease infestations. At this time, only the 16,717 acres of National Forest System Lands within the project area are being considered for treatment.

The St. Joe Ranger District will be hosting an open house on September 26, 2019 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. PST at the St. Maries Federal Building, 222 S. 7th Street, St. Maries, Idaho.

Objectives

The purpose and need for the project is to improve ecological and social conditions to meet desired conditions described in the Idaho Panhandle National Forests Land Management Plan. The primary objectives are to improve forest health and watershed conditions, reduce wildfire intensity, and to:

- Establish and maintain resilient forest stand structure and species composition;
- Reduce the potential for high –intensity wildfire while promoting desirable fire behavior characteristics and fuel conditions;
- Maintain or improve water quality, and aquatic species habitat;
- Provide economic benefit to local communities.

Land Ownership (acres)*

National Forest.....	16,717
Private lands.....	39
State of Idaho.....	< 1
TOTAL.....	16,757

** Acreage is approximate*

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Project Website:

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53049>

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